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bill for two years. Based on the last motion you just heard, there appears again not to be agreement on what we are trying to do. I know that there is some concern with representation of paid fire departments. I am concerned that we don't even need it in my district. In fact I started to make a motion that would include everywhere except but the Clerk told me I couldn't do that and I thought if the rest of you guys wanted it you could have it.

PRESIDENT: Did you raise for a point of order? Yes. Well, Senator Savage, did you want to volunteer to the Sergeant at Arms to help us. Again I will, please, for about the fifth time that Senators please remain in your chairs. Excuse me, Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's OK. The point is, and again, I am not going to belabor this into a long debate. There is concern and Senator Cavanaugh has it here or Senator Barnett, that there is concern about where this is to go under community colleges, under the Department of Health. There is concern of the paid firemen versus the volunteer firemen. There is concern on the part of many of us as to just why we are doing this thing anyway. I don't believe we need it in my community. So with those kind of concerns and Senator Barnett tried to work out a couple of amendments. Senator Mahoney has tried to work out a couple of amendments that is not acceptable. So I think the thing to do with this bill is just send it back and strike the enacting clause and let them try again.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I object, Mr. President, to the motion. This bill has a lot of merit. This bill is not a mandate from any governmental order. It was put together by the volunteers themselves, and as far as making the paid fire departments a part of the Board, this program does not affect them. We have only two paid departments in the state, as I understand it, in Omaha and in Grand Island. This bill, the Board, as it is presently constructed, was.. the details were worked out by the volunteers themselves with representation from all over the state and Senator Kennedy and myself, as members of the Public Health Committee sat in on the meetings, but this bill was drawn to their specifications and I see nothing wrong with it and I would certainly object to returning this bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I speak in behalf of the motion to bring the bill back. Very briefly, some two weeks ago and Senator Barnett was not able to be here attending a meeting that was necessary in Judiciary, I was hoping that he would be here at that time. We tried to place an amendment on this bill which would have corrected the bill and I could have voted for it. Then it would have been palatable. I find that this bill is not so as to paid fire departments in the state. Senator Richard Lewis, there are more than just the two cities that you stated on paid fire departments in the state of